

Draft Faculty Senate resolution regarding Veterans' Day Initiative of the Student Veterans of UNM:

Whereas, the Student Veterans at UNM organization has requested that Veterans Day be named an official academic holiday at the University of New Mexico, and requested Faculty Senate endorsement of this proposal; and

Whereas, the UNM faculty desire to express our support for students who have served American society and the world via service in the armed forces and in myriad other forms of dedicated service; and

Whereas, adding an additional holiday to the academic calendar would require that we delete an existing holiday or break day; and

Whereas, this would create new burdens for UNM staff employees, students, and others who have to adjust existing work, childcare, and vacation schedules;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of the University of New Mexico that UNM heighten the recognition of Veterans Day by holding an official service that recognizes those who have served in the military or forms of dedicated service, and in particular remembers those wounded, psychologically wounded, or killed in the course of such service;

Be it further resolved that UNM faculty are encouraged to excuse from class attendance or assignments all veterans or students who wish to attend that service.